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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Berkeley – 21 Arrested as Hundreds of Trump Supporters and Counter-Protesters Clash in Berkeley

(U) Hundreds of pro-Trump demonstrators and counter-protesters clashed Saturday at a “Patriots Day” rally in Berkeley, the third time similar groups have engaged in violent confrontations in recent months. Fistfights broke out near Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park, where Trump supporters had scheduled a rally. Fireworks and smoke bombs were thrown into the crowd, and a few demonstrators were doused with pepper spray. Both groups threw rocks and sticks at each other and used a large trash bin as a battering ram as the crowd moved around the perimeter of the park. At least 21 people were arrested, including some on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, according to the Berkeley Police Department.

SOURCE: 15 April 2017, [LA Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Illinois – 45 People Shot Over the Weekend in Chicago

(U) Chicago – Two men were killed and at least 43 other people were wounded in shootings across Chicago over the Easter holiday weekend. Multiple individuals wounded in the shootings over the weekend were teenagers. Several of the attacks injured multiple victims as gunmen opened fire on groups of people. Last weekend, seven men were killed and at least 28 other people were wounded across the city. More than 900 people have been shot in the city so far this year.

SOURCE: 17 April 2017, [Chicago Tribune](#), [NBC Chicago](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Mexico – Sinaloa Cartel Leader Killed in Gun Battle with Mexican Marines

(U) Sinaloa – A one-time bodyguard for a son of Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman died in a confrontation with Mexican marines, according to the Sinaloa state attorney general’s office. Francisco Javier Zazuelta Rosales, who had been on the run since he and four others escaped a prison on 16 March, was killed in a small town near the capital of the state of Sinaloa. The Marines recovered numerous high-caliber weapons, including a grenade launcher, as well as tactical and communications equipment. Zazuelta, who officials said was a leader in the Sinaloa cartel, had been linked to a deadly ambush of a Mexican military convoy in September, leaving five soldiers dead and many more wounded.

SOURCE: 15 April 2017, [AP](#)

(U) North Korea – North Korea More Likely to Launch Cyberattack than Military Strike

(U) Pyongyang – North Korea is more likely to wage a cyberattack against the United States than a military strike, according to Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly. As tensions build between North Korea and the United States in anticipation of possible military action from either, Secretary Kelly told NBC News this week that North Korea is more inclined to direct hackers against American cyber targets in lieu of deploying a tradition arsenal.

SOURCE: 15 April 2017, [Washington Times](#)

(U) Sweden – Suspect in Stockholm Attack was an ISIS Recruit, Uzbek Official Says

(U) Stockholm – The Uzbek man who is suspected of steering a hijacked beer truck into a crowd of shoppers in central Stockholm last week had been recruited by ISIS, and had encouraged Uzbeks to travel to Syria to fight for the group, according to Uzbekistan's foreign minister. The suspect, Rakhmat Akilov, 39, was arrested a few hours after the attack that left four people dead and 15 others wounded on 7 April. ISIS has not claimed responsibility for the attack. Experts note, however, that the terrorist group tends to do so when its loyalists are killed, and not when they are taken into custody, as was the case in Stockholm.

SOURCE: 14 April 2017, [New York Times](#)

(U) Syria – 128 People Killed in Bus Bombing

(U) Aleppo – At least 68 children were among the 126 people killed in a bomb attack on buses carrying evacuees from besieged Syrian towns on Saturday. A vehicle filled with explosives hit the convoy of buses near Aleppo. At least 109 evacuees from government-held towns were killed, along with aid workers and rebel soldiers, according the UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. The evacuees attacked were being moved from Foah and Kefraya, mostly Shia Muslim government-held towns which have been encircled by rebels and al-Qa'ida-linked jihadists since March 2015. No group has claimed responsibility for the bus attack.

SOURCE: 17 April 2017, [BBC](#)

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